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GOLF 2020: A Message from the Co-Chairs

Originally scheduled for May 20, the 2020 RBC Wealth Management Donald Berman Maimonides golf tournament was postponed to Wednesday August 26, 2020 due to Covid-19. This year's event returned to the Royal Montreal Golf Club where attendees played the renowned championship Blue Course, host of 9 Canadian Opens and the newly announced 2024 Presidents Cup. For the safest of experiences, there was no shot-gun start, no brunch, dinner or cocktail, and no use of the Clubhouse. We followed all the rules of Golf Canada and the Ministry of Health. The day was a fun-filled event with lots of food stations on the

course along with great swag gifts and comradery. The golfers were so happy to be able to enjoy a day of sunshine on the course.

We are so grateful to our generous and loyal donors, who supported us in these tough times. Thanks to them, we raised over **\$182,000** — monies to fund the Centre for Research in Aging at Maimonides.

Organizing one of Montreal's premiere fundraising events is no easy feat, and would be impossible without our truly dedicated team of volunteers.

On behalf of the residents of DBM, thank you to everyone who helped make the 2020 tournament a great success. It is thanks to our loyal donors and sponsors that Donald Berman Maimonides Geriatric Centre is able to continue to provide *More than Care*.



Danny Baum and Steve Kusters

Steve Kusters, Danny Baum
Co-Chairs Donald Berman Maimonides
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On our cover

Lieutenant Celene Stamper, military nurse, was one of the members of the Canadian military, who lent a helping hand at Donald Berman Maimonides Geriatric Centre during the Covid-19 pandemic. See story on p- 18. Photo by Corporal Marc-André Leclerc.



Inset

Golf co-chairs Danny Baum and Steve Kusters social distance in the Covid-19 era at the 2020 Donald Berman Maimonides RBC Wealth Management Golf Tournament.



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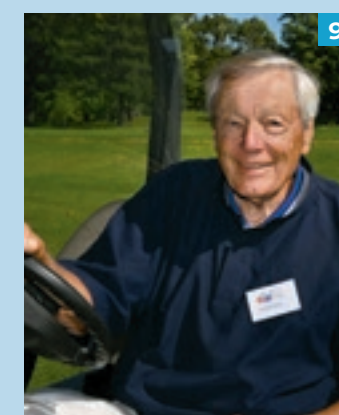
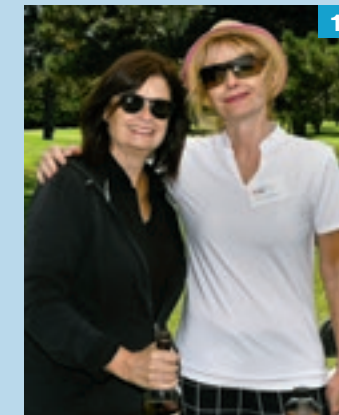
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Congratulations to our Top Golfers!



FIRST PLACE BEST BALL CHAMPION

The foursome of golf co-chair **Steve Kusters**, **Lee Karls**, **Mitch Kendall**, **Alan Marcovitz** was the day's winner.



SECOND PLACE BEST BALL

The foursome of **Frank Bruno**, **Christine Rizzuto**, **Skip Beloff**, **Murray Shulman** took home second place honours.



LONGEST DRIVE MALE

The Longest Drive Male was won by RBC's **Nizar Laouni**.



LONGEST DRIVE FEMALE

The Longest Drive Female was won by **Cristina Rizzuto**.

What we learnt from the first wave of COVID-19

Since last March and the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, management in our long-term care sites have been on a steep learning curve. Here are some of the lessons we have learned.

Room furnishings

While wishing to maintain the concept of a milieu de vie (homelike environment), a change in philosophy has been needed in reference to furnishings in residents' rooms. In order to reduce clutter, be able to quickly and easily disinfect rooms, minimize fire and safety hazards and allow quick movement of residents, a very limited amount of furnishings and other belongings are allowed in each resident's room.

Staffing

Our nursing staff do not move between facilities or units. The staffing situation in our long-term care sites is much improved. We have close to 300 new orderlies (PAB's) in our CHSLDs, and we are actively recruiting more nursing staff.

Testing

An onsite COVID-19 testing clinic has been set up at as we continue to encourage staff and caregivers to be tested.

Caregivers

Caregivers must register in advance and be trained on the proper use of PPE. Prior to entering the building, they are screened and their temperature is taken.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

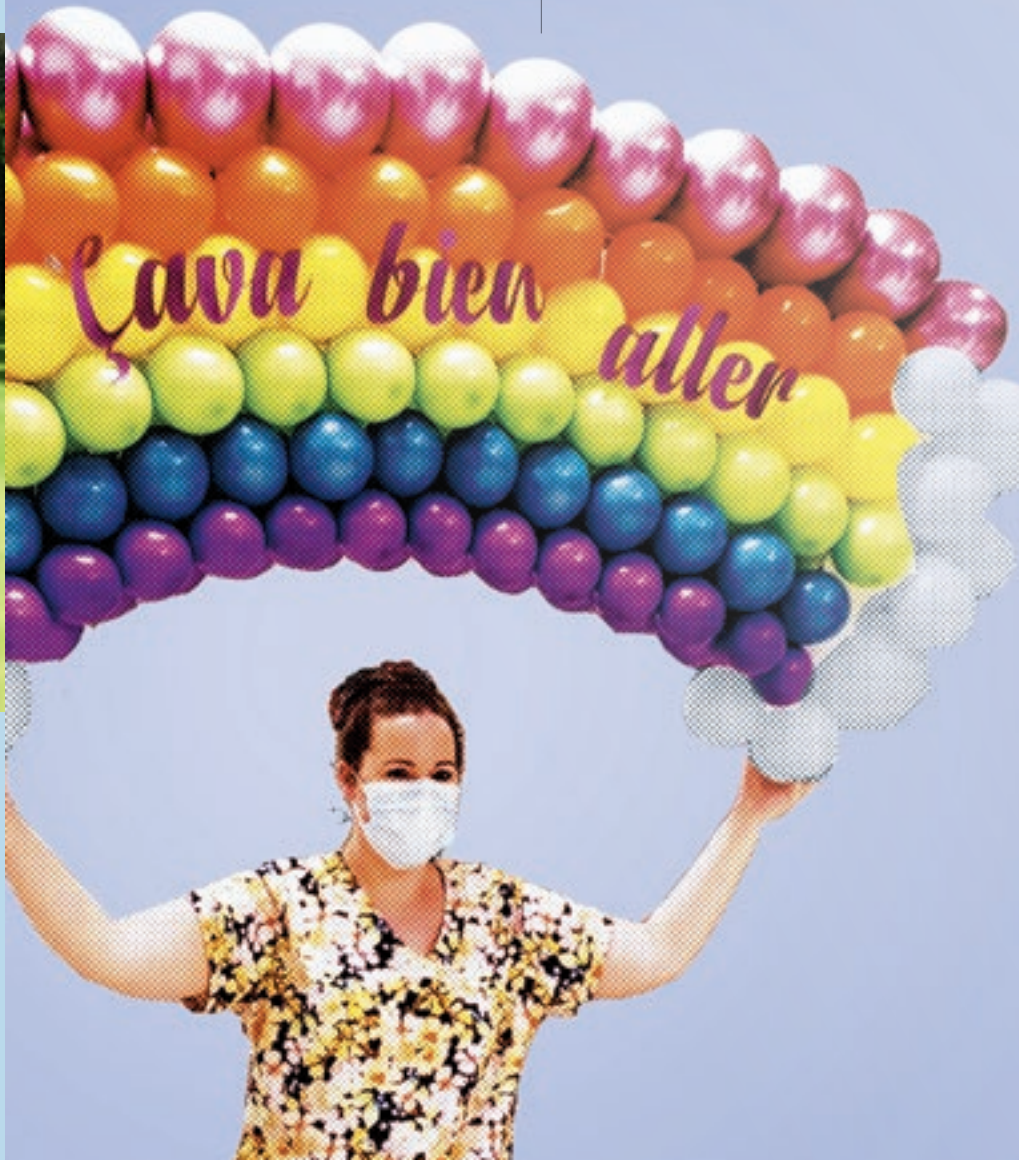
There is a team of new employees mandated with ensuring that everyone in the building – and on the grounds outdoors – is wearing the proper PPE (personal protective equipment), following the necessary infection control precautions, and ensuring there is an adequate supply of PPE available for anyone who needs it.

- Masks are mandatory for all staff and caregivers;
- Eye protection (goggles or a visor) is used in addition to a face mask when providing care from less than two metres away;
- Droplet protection is worn when staff are caring for a resident who is in isolation in order to limit the spread of infection.

Site set up

There is a designated hot zone with staff ready to accommodate any resident testing positive.

We have come a long way since the start of the pandemic, and we are now in a better position to face the future. Looking ahead, we will continue to be guided by our infectious disease experts and our health care professionals with a common objective: the health, safety and well-being of our residents.



We need your help: The Annual Governor’s Program

Governors ensure the financial strength of the Foundation by funding many programs and environmental improvements to enable the residents to live out their final years in the utmost of comfort.

The Governors program has been around since the Foundation began in the late 1970’s led by Founding Foundation President Ben Cobrin Z”L who was very active in recruiting Governors. He promoted the concept that you must “plant the seed, and Donald Berman Maimonides will reap the benefits in future years.” Governor donations are invested in perpetuity, guaranteeing income each year to support all that we do.

A plaque with each Governor’s name appears on a recognition board in the main lobby. Annual governor categories are Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze. If you are interested in becoming a Donald Berman Maimonides Governor, please call the Foundation at 514-483-2121 ext 2207.

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Hockey for a cause

After much reflection, we made the very difficult decision to cancel this year’s hockey tournament because of COVID-19 concerns. Given all the restrictions and fast developing changes and rules, we felt it was the right decision for everyone. The safety of all our participants is our first priority. Thank you to our donors who honoured their pledges even though the game did not go on. During this unprecedented time, we need your help more than ever. Our residents are the ultimate beneficiaries of your generosity. Thank you. Our 2021 hockey tournament will once again be back at Quartier Hockey. We will follow the directives of Amateur Hockey to determine a date.

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Rabbi Wolff retires



After more than two decades of providing spiritual guidance at DBM and DBJ, Rabbi Michael Wolff recently retired.

Rabbi Wolff’s spiritual care extended to residents, staff and families. In addition to leading synagogue services as chaplain, he developed the concept of the Healing Circle to help staff mourn the loss of a resident or the death of a colleague.

Rabbi Wolff also led a program known as Chanukat Habayit (Housewarming), which welcomed new residents with a visit one month after they moved in, along with a blessing with flowers, baked treats and wine. The program was recognized with an award for Jewish Programming by the Association of Jewish Aging Services, representing long-term care centres across North America.

Rabbi Wolff tended to the spiritual needs of families, adapting during the COVID-19 pandemic by leading virtual healing services on Zoom.

At his retirement party, Rabbi Wolff was praised for being approachable and treating people with respect. “We were lucky to have you. Residents and staff benefited from your kindness and understanding,” said Barbra Gold, Director of the Support Program for the Autonomy of Seniors. “Residents felt they could tell you anything. You will be very hard to replace.”

Rabbi Wolff plans to move to Israel with his wife, so that the couple can be close to their three children.

In his goodbye speech at DBM, he praised the staff. “You are a beautiful team and you put residents first. For me that’s the beauty of working at Maimonides. Thank you for letting me be part of your team.”

The search committee is currently finalizing the hiring of our new rabbi.

This article was adapted from a longer version in 360°, the CIUSSS staff newsletter.

New appointments



LEAH BERGER

Leah Berger is the Assistant to the Director of the Support Program for the Autonomy of Seniors (SAPA) for CIUSSS West-Central Montreal. Leah’s job is to oversee the Social Work and Therapeutic Recreation teams, as well as the SAPA admissions system (MAH) for the entire CIUSSS.

Based out of Donald Berman Maimonides, Leah travels regularly to all of the sites to support her team within the unique culture of each long-term care center. A professionally trained Social Worker, Leah worked in several hospital settings including Donald Berman Maimonides in the late 1990’s before returning to school to pursue a Master’s degree in International Relations. This change in her career path led to work in many different capacities within the Montreal Jewish community, including most recently as the Director of Planning and Allocations at Federation CJA.



ERIN COOK

Erin Cook is the new Associate Director of SAPA - Long Term Care. Erin had been working at the Jewish General Hospital since 2005 as a nurse clinician, a clinical instructor and as a head nurse from 2013 to 2018. Most recently, she was the Clinical Administrative Coordinator for Oncology and Cardiovascular Services and Co-Director of Operations for the Segal Cancer Centre. In her new position, she will be responsible for the care in all the long-term care sites

in CIUSSS West-Central Montreal.

Lucie Tremblay, Director of Nursing for our CIUSSS says “Erin is recognized by her colleagues as a nursing visionary. She is a compassionate leader whose interest in the well-being of her clientèle always comes first. Her commitment to the quality of care is undeniable and her expertise in digital health will bring geriatric care to a completely new level.”

Adapting activities in a COVID world

On a typical day, the Recreation team at Donald Berman Jewish Eldercare is busy organizing and implementing countless activities, craft projects, games, educational presentations, live music events, one-on-one interactions and more. Covid-19 changed that as all communal activities were cancelled in order to protect our vulnerable population. Visitors, including the volunteers who gave their time and talents, were no longer allowed to enter the buildings.

That doesn’t mean there are no activities. It is just different. The Recreation team has found that there are many ways to bring joy and meaning to daily living – even while social distancing, and without the physical space of activity rooms.

One of those ways is by providing portable DVD players or CD players for those who would like to watch movies, listen to audio books or listen to music in their rooms.

As part of the **Simon Chang Foundation for Change Moment in Time Program**, ten DVD Players and fifteen CD Players were purchased and the Recreation team carefully selected residents who would most benefit from this.

“During these unprecedented times we must sometimes go “old school” to provide stimulation and comfort to the residents. Music and movies personalized to the resident’s preference can go a long way to comfort a person. Many are isolated during these times and others are unable to express their feelings or needs and may feel scared. Through music and movies they can escape reality even for a little while,” says Josie DiBenedetto, Coordinator of therapeutic leisure and recreology at DBJ.

Staff are adapting to the current situation. They have increased the use of technology for video chats with family members. One on one visits are very popular. Small unit activities, music sing-alongs, trivia and word games are the new normal.

“We keep to a very small bubble and always disinfect everything,” says DiBenedetto. “While therapeutic recreation activities during a global pandemic is very different, there is still a lot of living taking place,” she adds.



Clowns reach out to our residents

Mitigating the impacts of COVID-19 on residents in our long-term care facilities has been a priority for all members of the care team. While caregivers are now welcomed within our institutions, some of our recreation activities have not resumed due to restrictions on social gatherings and compliance with infection control guidelines. To help ease feelings of social isolation, Donald Berman Maimonides’ and Donald Berman Jewish Eldercare’s longstanding partner Dr. Clown stepped up over the summer to provide socially distanced, masked visits with residents in the garden.

“This is a great opportunity to break the isolation, provide a change in scenery and continue to make meaningful connections,”says the artist behind Cookie the clown.

To make their visits even more meaningful, the Dr Clown artists received special training on working with a Jewish clientele, learning Jewish songs, basic words in frequently used languages like Hebrew and Yiddish, and the customs related to different holidays.

True to its mission, Fondation Dr Clown has been trying to find alternative ways to continue to connect with our residents throughout the pandemic, albeit from a distance. Over the next few months, the clowns will be reaching out to residents identified by Therapeutic Recreation who would benefit from virtual contact, by using FaceTime, Zoom, or Skype.

“And after that, we are exploring other creative ways of reaching the residents,” says Cookie.

This initiative is provided by Fondation Dr Clown with the assistance of the DBM and DBJ Foundation.

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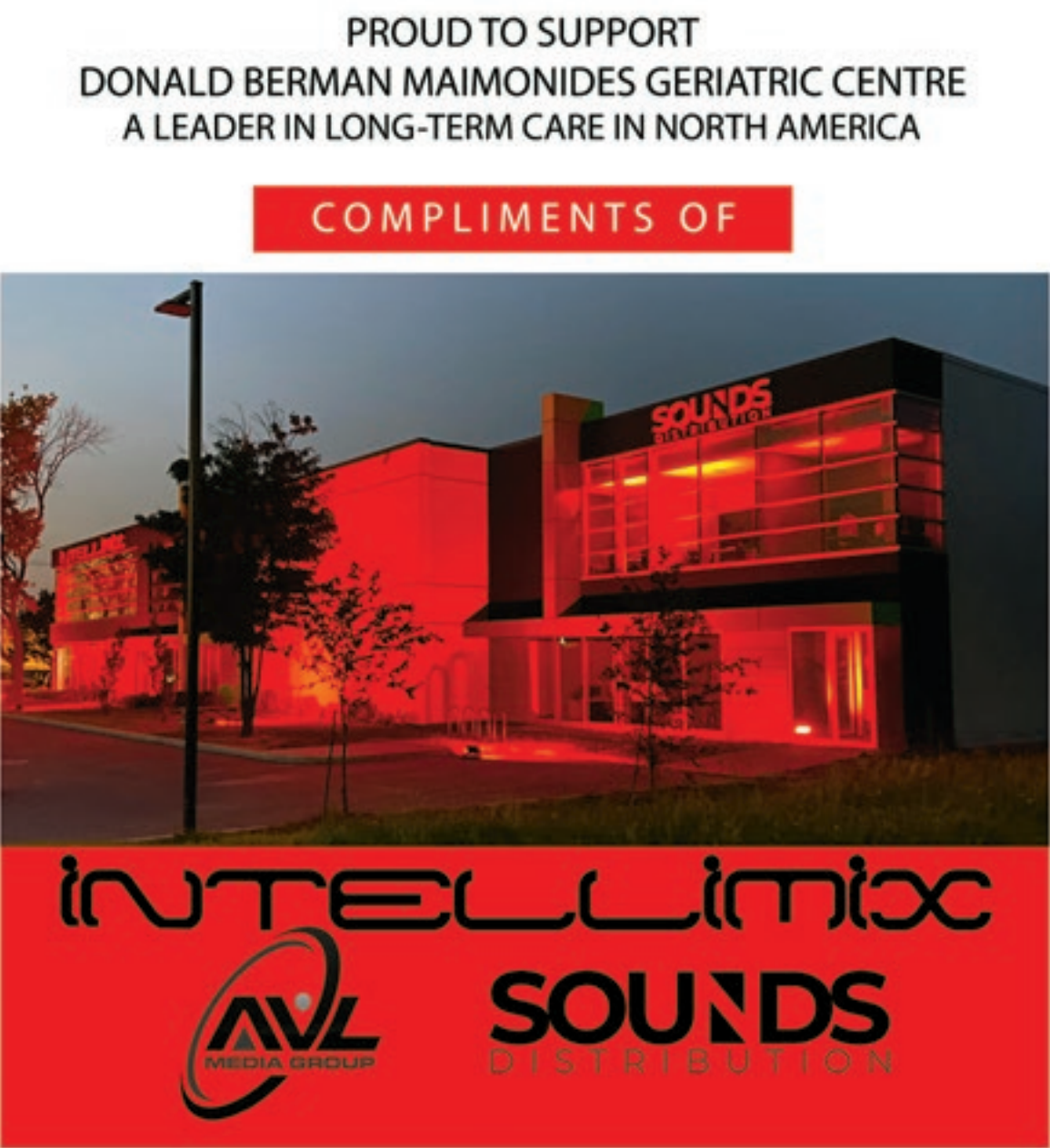
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On Tuesday September, 22 2020, an hour after sundown, Intellimix Corp., lit it’s building in red as a gesture of solidarity with all of the technicians, suppliers and venues across Canada currently suffering as the Canadian live events industry has come to an effective stand still as a result of Covid 19.

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Military deployed to Donald Berman Maimonides

Military personnel from Canadian Forces Base Petawawa and the Royal Canadian Hussards (Montreal) and members of the Royal Canadian Medical Service of the Canadian Armed Forces lent a helping hand at Donald Berman Maimonides Geriatric Centre during the Covid-19 pandemic. The military personnel provided logistical support and front-line care alongside exhausted staff. “When the army came, there was a sense of relief that we are not alone,” said Nathan Ray, a PAB at the Centre.

On June 22, an official military farewell ceremony was held to say good-bye and honour our team. Emotions soared, as healthcare workers wiped away tears and saluted the military personnel who were there during a most difficult time.

When the army came, there was a sense of relief that we are not alone.

— Nathan Ray, PAB at DBM



Family Scholarships

It was a very different event this year for the recipients of the Foundation’s annual scholarships and bursaries. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there was a small socially-distanced get-together for the winners to pick up their cheques and awards.

MICHAEL CORBER AND FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP



Zhaoran Wu

This year’s recipient of the Michael Corber and Family scholarship is **Zhaoran Wu** who is studying Health Sciences at Marianopolis College. Zhaoran is the daughter of Hong Wen Wu who is a PAB on 6th floor. Zhaoran’s letter expressed her plan for a career in health care. She also described the extra-curricular activities she has been involved in to round out her

education and her volunteering at DBM.

In honour of his past Presidency of the Foundation and his family’s connection to the Centre, Michael Corber created the Michael Corber and Family Scholarship. Every year, a one-year scholarship is presented to a student who wishes to pursue post-secondary studies and who has at least one parent who works on the front-lines at Donald Berman Maimonides Geriatric Centre.

JUDITH CHINKS FISH SCHOLARSHIP



Jasper Magnaye

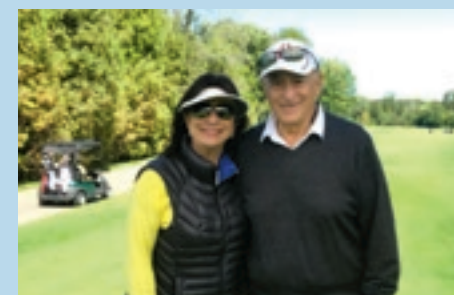
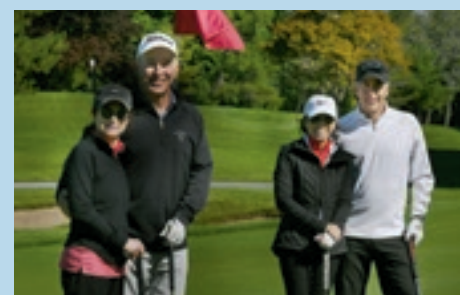
This year’s recipient of the annual Judith Chinks Fish Scholarship is **Jasper Magnaye**, son of Maria Aurora Aquino who is a PAB on Kastner 3. Jasper’s commitment to his studies in Pure and Applied Sciences at Vanier College at night while working full-time stood out in his application. Jasper’s future goal is to be an Electrical Engineer.

The Judith Chinks Fish scholarship is tied to the vision and generosity of a woman who espoused the value of post-secondary education. Her family has generously set up a fund through the Jewish Hospital of Hope Eldercare Foundation in her memory. The donations are used annually to offer a one-year scholarship to a student who wishes to pursue post-secondary studies and who has at least one parent who works at Donald Berman Jewish Eldercare Centre.

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2020 Golf Foursomes





Helping our front-line staff feel the love

To help our front-line staff as they work tirelessly to care for the most vulnerable during the Covid-19 pandemic, the Foundations of Donald Berman Maimonides and Donald Berman Jewish Eldercare started Project Feel the Love. The goal of this initiative is for the staff in all the long-term care sites in CIUSSS West Central Montreal to truly feel appreciated during this time of crisis.

Thanks to generous donors, our team provided over 10,000 meals and snacks as well as other items like home-made soups, masks for use outside the facilities, ear guards to make the wearing of masks more comfortable, hand cream for their tired hands, fruit for busy days and groceries to take home.

The Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation, The St. Andrews Presbyterian Homes Foundation, The Drummond Foundation as well as Federation CJA, The Jewish Community Foundation, the Sikh Community of Montreal and others jumped on board to help with this initiative.

If you would like to support Project Feel the Love, please make a donation to the Covid Fund at: www.donaldbermanmaimonidesdonations.myevent.com

Check out our Facebook page: Project Feel the Love, for more pictures and information.

Thank you to everyone who has helped make Project Feel the Love a success: from the donors and suppliers, to the drivers and coordinators. It's the people that really made a difference!!

Pictured are some of the incredible highlights of this project.



PETROS

Ted Dranias, owner of Petros Taverna stepped it up not only by hand-delivering delicious Greek food himself but by planning out specific menus that he thought the staff would enjoy. One night it was Greek salad, Greek style fava beans in tomato sauce, and orzo pasta with meat sauce in a vine leaf. At a time when restaurants were themselves struggling, Mr. Dranias donated the meals at no cost. "These individuals have done such an outstanding job during this pandemic," said Dranias. "It is the least we can do."

SOUPER HERO

Aviva Orenstein Kalin and her team of soup-makers provided our tired staff with frozen home-made soups to take home at the end of their shift. "The goal of Souper Hero is to provide healthcare staff with a nutritious soup, ease the burden of cooking and make them feel like the real heroes that they are," says Kalin. Of course matza ball soup was very popular!



KRUGER PAPER

Kruger Products, one of Canada's leading tissue products manufacturer, provided 1500 packages of its Cashmere-brand toilet paper-- one for each staff member in CIUSSS West-Central Montreal's six long-term care sites. The 5 pallets were delivered and unpacked at our make-shift warehouse at Federation CJA by the Senior leadership team of the company. A special thank you to Jean Roy, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Kruger, for making it all happen.

Israel's Consul General for Quebec, David Levy, was one of the delivery drivers who brought the tissue products in his own car to Donald Berman Maimonides.



SIKH COMMUNITY

Thank you to our friends in the Sikh Community of Montreal who provided our staff with nuts, cookies, drinks, crackers, granola bars and other snacks as a way to recharge their energies and boost their morale. It was so nice to see people from all communities coming together in a time of need.



GROCERIES

Charlie Migliara and Rosanna Magri from Les Gestions Gescam proposed the idea of providing a bag of groceries to staff so they can just go home after work and not have the extra worry of picking up food for their families. This incredible donation was made possible with the help of IGA Extra Famille Duchemin in St-Laurent who assembled the hundreds of bags which included items like rice, lentils, canned tuna, pasta, fruits and vegetables. The bags were delivered to staff at St. Margaret and DBJ. Thank you Charlie and Rosanna for being heroes to our front-line heroes.

MCDONALD'S - PIERRE BRUNET FRANCHISES

Pierre Brunet, owner and operator of 19 McDonalds franchises around the island of Montreal donated almost 1000 breakfast sandwiches, cookies and Happy Meals for staff in our long-term care centers. His staff were up before dawn preparing the food and even created messages of appreciation. Mr. Brunet and his senior team delivered the food themselves in boxes that had messages of hope.



BAKERS

Our community really came through with a steady stream of delicious individually wrapped baked treats for our staff, whether it was Tina Abbey's gooey brownies, Joann Toulch's crunchy biscotti or oatmeal and chocolate chip cookies from our community bakers. A special thank you to Lili Yesovitch, Yair Meyers, David Tordjman and so many others who provided treats on a weekly basis; some even taking the time to include handwritten notes to show staff some love.



MASKS
Cinémask, Canada Sews – Quebec and Army of Masks – CANADA provided 2000 reusable masks for all the front-line workers in our long-term care sites. These masks are worn outside of the health care environment to help control the spread of Covid-19. A special thank you to C&M Textiles Inc. for donating the beautiful fabric and to our devoted community of knitters who worked tirelessly to create ear-savers to protect our staff's weary ears from wearing masks all day.



FEDERATION CJA
We recently honoured Federation with the Outstanding Service Award for their incredible contribution to this initiative. They created a warehouse for many donations and helped not only with getting volunteers to do the deliveries but with coordinating all the logistics. They even provided goodie bags for our staff. It was a true community effort.

PIERRE-YVES GAGNÉ
At the height of the crisis in long-term care, Pierre-Yves Gagné wanted to do something for staff at Donald Berman Maimonides and at the same time support one of his favourite restaurants - The Main Kitchen in Hudson. He coordinated with the restaurant to provide a delicious meal for the night staff. DBM is close to Pierre-Yves heart as his late mother Mireille Ducros is a former Director of Nursing at the Centre.

A YOUTH INITIATIVE
Seventeen-year-old Abigael Benchaya wanted to give back to health-care workers. She received a grant from Rise in Youth that allowed her to purchase pastries and coffee for staff at DBM. “The staff at DBM are working so hard and this little gesture will hopefully show them that we care,” says Abigael.



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Tribute Cards popular in Covid era

The COVID-19 pandemic has meant limited access to funerals, virtual shivas and socially distanced visits with family and friends. This has translated into a very busy tribute card service at Donald Berman Maimonides “Even though people may not be able to make in-person visits, they want to let others know they are thinking of them. With our tribute card service, they can leave a personal message and the card is sent out right away,” says Karen Flam, Foundation Director.

While the staff at many Foundations worked remotely during the COVID-19 crisis, Esther Stroll, who mans the phones at the Donald Berman Maimonides Foundation, never missed a day. She came into the office and

continued to take calls; printing and mailing tribute cards on a daily basis. “People were calling but weren’t really expecting to speak to a real person. They were always so happy to hear my voice and be able to get this personalized service,” says Stroll.

“We are a small charity and probably one of the last ones still doing hard-copy tribute cards. Many of my colleagues have gone to virtual cards. I think that there will always be people who enjoy having a real card in their hands and talking to real people. Our personal touch makes all the difference,” adds Flam.

Tribute cards have also been popular for Rosh Hashanah and Passover.



Some donors send hundreds of cards each holiday.

The Foundation’s beautiful cards with artwork from the Art for Healing Foundation are the perfect way to celebrate a special occasion or pay tribute to a loved one. Cards are usually mailed on the day the call is made. VISA, Mastercard and Amex are accepted. Please call 514-483-2121 ext 2207 to say it with a tribute card.



iPads keeping families connected

iPads equipped with Facetime, Skype and Zoom were instrumental tools to help families communicate during the Covid-19 pandemic.

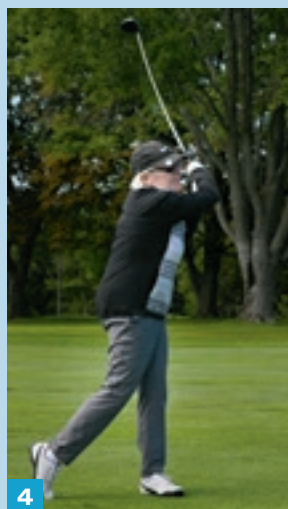
Rehab Educator Allison Friedman says “It is so wonderful because the families are able to speak (to their loved ones) and for the 2nd floor residents who have very advanced dementia, you can see their facial expressions or hand movements reacting to their family members. I have even had residents put their hands out and kiss the screen. Families are always very thankful and grateful for the visit. It is very difficult for them not to see their loved ones so the iPad visit provides a decrease in anxiety knowing that their loved ones are in good hands.”

The Foundations at Donald Berman Maimonides and Donald Berman Jewish Eldercare purchased the first twenty iPads. The Provincial Government provided another twenty. Special stands for the iPads were also purchased by the Foundation to make it easier for those with dementia to see the screen.

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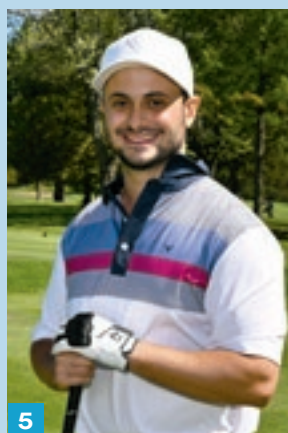
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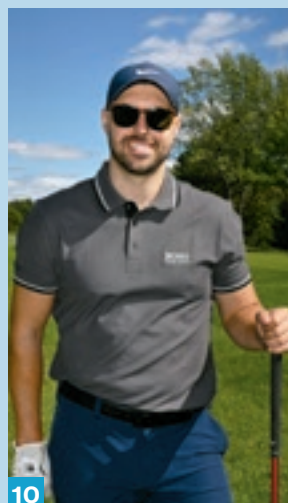
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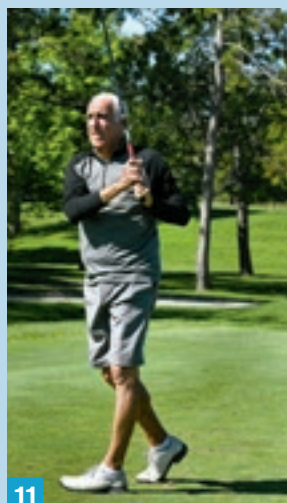
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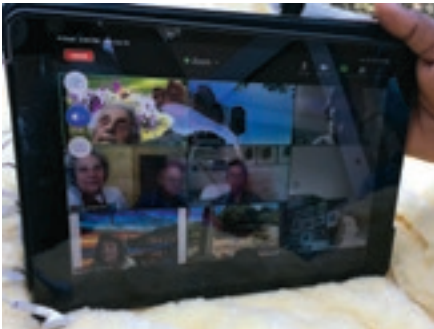
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Happy Birthday, Cecile!

Donald Berman Maimonides resident **Cecile Klein, the oldest person in Quebec**, celebrated her 113th birthday via Zoom because of Covid-19 concerns. She was joined, in person and virtually, by her extended family and friends. “This milestone birthday party would not be happening without the staff’s loving care and devotion,” says Harriet Nussbaum, Mrs. Klein’s daughter. She noted that throughout the pandemic, her second in her lifetime, having survived the Spanish Flu of 1918, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist Kim Weippert connected her with her mother via Skype each week, ensuring a link when families were not allowed to visit. The City of Cote St Luc organized a concert outside her window to celebrate her milestone birthday.



Music to our Ears

Musicians from the **Orchestre Métropolitain de Montréal**, along with conductor Yannick Nézet-Séguin, treated residents and staff at Donald Berman Maimonides to a concert in the garden. This was part of a special concert series to bring music into the lives of our residents who truly enjoyed the performance.



A memorial bench leaves a lasting legacy

Cynthia Flower wanted to honour her late parents **Abe and Sharon Flower** who taught her the importance of community. Almost daily in the last years of their lives, even in failing health themselves, the two would walk to Donald Berman Maimonides, sit on a bench, have a bite in the cafeteria, and visit residents. Cynthia thought it was particularly fitting to honour her parents with a memorial plaque on one of the benches in front of the Centre. This way, their legacy lives on in a place that meant so much to them.

“I remember my parents bringing my grandmother to sit on the grounds of Maimonides in summers, so that she could converse in Yiddish with any residents there. This was Community,” says Cynthia.

Cynthia hopes that others who see the plaque on the bench will be inspired to give back to the community in some way as well.

“I hope people take notice and remember the importance of giving.”



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